

**Republican Leader Michael C. Burgess, M.D.**  
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**“A Public Health Emergency: State Efforts to Curb the Opioid Crisis”**  
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Thank you, Madam Chair. Last Congress, the Energy and Commerce Committee worked in a bipartisan manner to produce legislation that was signed into law by President Trump. The Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, or SUPPORT Act, was written to help advance treatment and recovery initiatives for those affected by opioid addiction.

I thank our witnesses for being here today. Your testimony will be helpful in understanding the challenges we face in continuing this fight against opioid addiction and death, while ensuring that patients can manage their pain. It is important to Congress to have hearings like this one, where we can ensure the effectiveness of our legislative efforts and identify gaps in which we can improve the health of Americans.

I yield back.